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SUBJECT: RECOMMENDATIONS ON COMMUNIQUE

1. BASED ON EXPERIENCE OF PAST VISITS HERE, WE WOULD FORESEE A SIX-PART COMMUNIQUE AS FOLLOWS: 1) RESUME OF VISIT; 2) GENERAL FOREIGN POLICY VIEWS; 3) VIEWS ON SPECIFIC INTERNATIONAL ISSUES; 4) VIEWS ON SOUTH ASIA; 5) BILATERAL RELATIONS; 6) RETURN VISITS.

2. RESUME. THE RESUME WILL BE ROUTINE EXCEPT FOR DETERMINING THE CHARACTERIZATION OF THE TALKS. BDG FORMULATION HAS RANGED FROM "OFFICIAL TALKS IN A FRIENDLY ATMOSPHERE" (DOUGLAS-HOME) TO "ATMOSPHERE OF GREAT CORDIALITY AND MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING" (NE WIN).

3. GENERAL VIEWS. WHEN BDG AND GUEST GOVERNMENT ARE NOT IN FULL ACCORD, BDG HAS CHOSEN TO INCLUDE AN EXPOSITION OF ITS NONALIGNED FOREIGN POLICY TO WHICH THE VISITING SIDE RESPONDS OR NOT, AS IT CHOOSES. ALTHOUGH BDG'S VIEWS ON MANY INTERNATIONAL ISSUES ARE NOT CONSONANT WITH OURS, WE BELIEVE A JOINT STATEMENT IS POSSIBLE IF IT EMPHASIZES THE NEED FOR WORLD PEACE AND STABILITY, ECONOMIC INTERDEPENDENCE, AND THE IMPERATIVE OF INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION TO RESOLVE THE FOOD, POPULATION, AND ENERGY PROBLEMS AND TO ENSURE THAT THE POOR NATIONS ALONE DO NOT BEAR THE MAJOR BURDEN OF WORLD SHORTAGES AND INFLATION. THIS SECTION MIGHT INCLUDE AN ENDORSEMENT OF THE WORLD FOOD CONFERENCE.

4. SPECIFIC ISSUES. GIVEN THE DIVERGENCE OF OUR VIEWS ON SEVERAL

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INTERNATIONNL ISSUES, SUCH AS THE INDIAN OCEAN, THE MIDDLE EAST

AND INDO-CHINA, IT MIGHT SUIT OUR PURPOSES BEST IF THE COMMUNIQUE TREATMENT OF SPECIFIC ISSUES WERE CONFINED TO SOUTH ASIA. WE ANTICIPATE, HOWEVER, THAT BDG WILL WISH TO DISCUSS CERTAINLY THE MIDDLE EAST SITUATION AND TO HAVE THE COMMUNIQUE REFLECT THAT DISCUSSION. WE THEREFORE FORESEE A PARAGRAPH WHICH WOULD REPORT THAT THE SECRETARY HAD BRIEFED THE FONMIN ON MIDDLE EAST AND RECORD THE BDG'S APPRECIATION FOR THE SECRETARY'S EFFORTS AS WELL AS THE DESIRE OF BOTH SIDES TO SEE A JUST AND LASTING PEACE IN THE AREA. BDG WILL PROBABLY ALSO INSIST ON A SENTENCE EXPRESSING ITS SUPPORT FOR THE ARAB CAUSE.

5. SOUTH ASIA. THE SECRETARY WOULD VIEW WITH GREAT SATISFACTION THE DELHI AGREEMENT REACHED IN APRIL, EXPRESS APPRECIATION FOR THE LEADERSHIP OF THE THREE NATIONS, AND PARTICULARLY PRAISE THE FARSIGHTED STATESMANSHIP OF MUJIBUR RAHMAN IN HELPING TO BRING ABOUT THE AGREEMENT. HE WOULD EXPRESS THE HOPE THAT THE AGREEMENT WOULD NOW OPEN THE WAY TO ESTABLISHING NEW, MUTUALLY BENEFICIAL RELATIONS AND A NEW SYSTEM OF REGIONAL COOPERATION. THE FOREIGN MINISTER WILL LIKELY EXPLAIN THAT BANGLADESH'S CONSTRUCTIVE POLICY IS DESIGNED TO BRING ABOUT A NORMALIZATIONV OSIRELATIONS IN THE SUBCONTINENT IN THE INTERESTS OF A DURABLE PEACE SO THAT ALL THREE COUNTRIES CAN PAY FULL ATTENTION TO THEIR COMMON OBJECTIVE OF ACHIEVING SUSTAINED ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND SOCIAL JUSTICE.

6. BILATERAL RELATIONS. WE WOULD RECOMMEND THAT BOTH SIDES EXPRESS THE CLOSE IDENTITY OF US AND BDG ASPIRATIONS FOR A STABLE AND PEACEFUL SUBCONTINENT. THE SECRETARY WOULD NOTE BDG'S DESIRE TO MUUNTAIN A BALANCED RELATIONSHIP WITH ALL NATIONS AND TO FURTHER RECONCILIATION WITHIN THE SUBCONTINENT. THE SECRETARY WOULD EXPRESS HIS CONVICTION THAT BD WOULD SOON BE A MEMBER OF THE UNITED NATIONS AND REAFFIRM US SUPPORT FOR THAT MEMBERSHIP. BOTH SIDES WOULD NOTE WITH SATISFACTION THE DEVELOPMENT OF US-BDG RELATIONS AND EMPHASIZE THE NEED FOR CONTINUED COOPERATION IN BDG'S DEVELOPMENT EFFORTS AND IN CULTURAL AND COMMERCIAL RELATIONS. THE SECRETARY MIGHT EXPRESS SUPPORT FOR BANGLADESH'S EFFORTS IN PURSUING ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, INCLUDING FOOD SELF-SUFFICIENCY, FOR THE BENEFIT OF ALL ITS CITIZENS WITHIN A DEMOCRATIC SYSTEM. THE FOREIGN MINISTER WOULD EXPRESS APPRECIATION FOR THE HUMAN-ITARIAN AND DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE PROVIDED BY THE USG SINCE INDEPENDENCE. BOTH SIDES WULD AGREE THAT MUTUAL ECONOMIC

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COOPERATION WOULD CONTINUE IN AREAS TO WHICH BANGLADESH HAS ASSIGNED HIGHEST PRIORITY, WITH CONCENTRATION ON HEALTH AND FAMILY PLANNING AND AGRICULTURAL AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT.

7. RETURN VISITS. BDG WILL EXPECT THE SECRETARY TO CONVEY AN INVITATION FROM THE PRESIDENT TO PRIME MINISTER MUJIB TO VISIT THE UNITED STATES, AND A SIMILAR INVITATION FROM THE SECRETARY TO FOREIGN MINISTER KAMAL HOSSAIN. BOTH INVITATIONS WILL BE

ACCEPTED WITH PLEASURE. THE CONCLUSION OF THE COMMUNIQUE SHOULD BE THE SECRETARY'S EXPRESSION OF THANKS FOR THE WARM WELCOME AND HOSPITALITY HE HAS RECEIVED.

8. SUGGESTIONS FOR TOAST FOLLOW SEPTTEL.
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